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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2867**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto**

February 19, 2016

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An act to ~~amend Section 1500 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities;~~ add Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 8390) to Division 4.1 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2867, as amended, Gatto. ~~Community care facilities. Public utilities: consumer protection.~~

*Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over privately owned public utilities, including electrical corporations, gas corporations, telephone corporations, and water corporations.*

*Existing law authorizes the furnishing of utility services by local publicly owned public utilities, including municipal corporations, which are subject to control by their governing bodies, and municipal utility districts, public utility districts, and irrigation districts, which are subject to control by their boards of directors.*

*This bill would require a privately owned or local publicly owned public utility that enables an individual to subscribe to its services through an Internet Web site to also enable all of its customers to cancel their subscriptions through the site. To the extent this bill would require a local publicly owned public utility to change the options available on its Internet Web site, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

~~Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of community care facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Social Services.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to a provision relating to the California Community Care Facilities Act.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 8390) is  
2     added to Division 4.1 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 6. CONSUMER PROTECTION

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6     8390. If a privately owned or local publicly owned public utility  
7     enables an individual to subscribe to its services through an  
8     Internet Web site, it shall also enable all of its customers to cancel  
9     their subscriptions through the Internet Web site.

10    SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
11    Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
12    a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service  
13    charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or  
14    level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section  
15    17556 of the Government Code.

16    ~~SECTION 1. Section 1500 of the Health and Safety Code is~~  
17    ~~amended to read:~~

18    ~~1500. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the~~  
19    ~~California Community Care Facilities Act.~~